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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NACB MEETING IN KABUL AND KOREA

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1. IN COURSE OF POLOFF'S DISCUSSION OF NAM ISSUES APRIL 27
WITMFMA DEPUTY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION DIRECTOR
JAZZAR, LATTER SAID SYRIA HAD RECENTLY HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH
NORTH KOREA (WHICH HE REFERRED CONSISTENTLY TO AS KOREA)
ABOUT THE NACB MEETING IN KABUL. THE N. KOREANS HAVE NOT
CHANGED THEIR POSITION IN ANY WAY ON RELATIONS WITH "SOUTH."
THIS IS A QUESTION FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE "KOREANS AND
THOSE IN THE SOUTH" WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE. NEGOTIA-
TIONS MUST BE BASED ON PRINCIPLES AGREED TO IN EARLY 1970'S.
IN THIS CONTEXT, THE UNITED STATES AND THE "SO CALLED UN
FORCES" MUST WITHDRAW. JAZZAR ADDED THAT SYRIA IS 100
PERCENT IN AGREEMENT WITH THE N. KOREAN POSITION AND WILL
SUPPORT IT IF IT IS RAISED IN NACB KABUL MEETING.

2. POLOFF ASKED WHAT WOULD SYRIA'S POSITION WOULD BE IF
UN FORCES WITHDREW FROM SOUTH KOREA AND NORTH KOREANS ONCE
AGAIN COMMITTED AGGRESSION ON THEIR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS.
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JAZZAR FATUOUSLY ANSWERED THAT SYRIA WOULD GAIN A STRONGER
AND BIGGER FRIEND.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED OVER PAST YEAR TO
MORE FORTHCOMING AND LESS POLEMIC ATTITUDE ON PART OF MFA
TO INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. SINCE KOREA ISSUE HAS BEEN OUT
OF INTERNATIONAL FOCUS FOR SOME TIME, SYRIANS HAVE PROBABLY

NOT HAD OCCASION TO REVIEW QUESTION OTHER THAN IN TERMS
OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS NORTH KOREANS. JAZZAR

DEFINITELY GAVE IMPRESSION OF ONE WHO IS DUSTING OFF
LONGSTANDING VERBAGE TO RESPOND TO UNEXPECTED QUESTION.
IN ANY EVENT, SYRIANS AGREE THIS IS ISSUE FOR PARTIES
THEMSELVES TO RESOLVE.
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